

friend Richard Wilkins who passed away on Monday. Richard was truly a renaissance man, a law professor turned international advocate who also enjoyed unique local notoriety for his 27 consecutive performances as Ebenezer Scrooge in the Hale Center Theater's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

In the canon of literary classics, Charles Dickens's Scrooge is a beloved but unlikely hero, a selfish miser turned community benefactor. Wilkins embraced the dynamic nature of Scrooge's transformation and saw the role as an opportunity to convey much deeper lessons regarding the values of family and personal improvement. The Hale Center opened in 1985 and cast then 32-year-old Richard as Scrooge, certainly unaware that they had found their star for the next 27 consecutive seasons.

In 2005, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, the queen of Qatar asked him to move to Qatar to lead an institute for family studies. He would not agree until she assured him he would be able to return to the Hale Center every Christmas season to take up his top hat and bathrobe to reprise his role as Scrooge. Richard loved delivering Scrooge's famous line "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future." Those close to Richard undoubtedly agree that he took these words to heart, carrying the spirit of Christmas into all other aspects of his life.

Richard graduated from my alma mater Brigham Young University Law School in 1979. He served as an assistant to my father, Solicitor General Rex Lee and argued several cases before the United States Supreme Court. Just 5 years after his graduation from BYU Law School he returned to teach constitutional law and civil procedure. He was a gifted public speaker, well known for his engaging lectures in the classroom and scholarly insights on the law. He had a unique intelligence that propelled him to prominence in the legal world and established him as a powerful voice the international community.

Richards's greatest contribution to the world came as an international advocate for family values. His first exposure to the family values movement came in an academic effort to change the language the United Nations used to portray issues relating to the family. After engaging with international leaders on critical family values issues his academic curiosity turned into a personal mission. He traveled around the world presenting papers on the importance of traditional marriage, the need to protect children and the sanctity of life and other family centered topics. He served as the managing director of the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development for the nation of Qatar and founded the World Family Policy Center at BYU. His leadership as chairman of the Defend Marriage Coalition

placed him at the forefront of Utah's debate over traditional marriage. Richard's fiery passion for causes related to traditional family values was matched by his warmth and love for those around him. He could disagree with individuals and groups but was never disagreeable.

Richard Wilkins' life serves as an illustration of the renowned biblical charge "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." He was a man blessed with tremendous talents and he used those talents to bless all those with whom he came in contact, in his own community and around the world. Richard's global vision and reach brought the power of family values to the forefront of international discourse, particularly in developing nations striving to solidify a cultural identity. Sharon and I would like to express our deepest condolences to Richard's wife Melany, their four children Brooke, Brinton, Claire and Rex and their eight grandchildren. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2338. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the "Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office".

H.R. 3892. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the "Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office".

H.R. 3912. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the "Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building".

H.R. 5738. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the "Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex".

H.R. 5788. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office".

H.R. 5954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 7th Street in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, as the "Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 6374. An act to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Trinka Davis Veterans Village".

H.R. 6604. An act to designate the federal building currently known as Federal Office Building 8, located at 200 C Street Southwest in the District of Columbia, as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2338. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the "Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8290. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules et al" (MB Docket No. 12-68 et al; FCC 12-123) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8291. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 97" (RIN0648-BB18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8292. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 34" (RIN0648-BB72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the